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In re Patent Application of
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For: Aqueous Coating Compositions

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
The Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2006, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.